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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Msgr EDW R MARTIN, pastor St Angela Merici Roman Catholic Church, Bronx, N Y C, and former chief chaplain of 1st Army: "I personally know that over \$5 million has been pooled to kick Joe (McCarthy) out of the Senate, and that's only a small portion of what is pouring into Washington. The reason is solely because of his Catholic ideals." . . . [2] Sen JOS R MCCARTHY (R-Wis): "I am aware that some organizations have raised a vast am't of money to hamper my work, but I don't think that religion enters into it." . . . [3] Sen STUART SYMINGTON (D-Mo) *predicting higher military appropriations*: "The growing menace of communism will never be defeated by a balanced budget; the greatest mistake the Eisenhower administration made was in the reduction of nat'l security." . . . [4] Sen LYNDON JOHNSON (D-Tex) new majority leader, *slamming GOP needling tactics*: "We won't question the President's wife, his child, his golf game, or his piano playing." . . . [5] Bishop G BROM-

Quote of the Week

Dr ALBERT EINSTEIN, theoretical physicist: "If I had it to do over again, I would not become a scientist, or scholar, or teacher. I would rather choose to be a plumber, or a peddler, in the hope to find that modest degree of independence still available under present circumstances."

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LEY OXNAM, Methodist leader, *addressing Iowa teachers*: "Men who declare that in every little red schoolhouse there is a little Red teacher, bear false witness that is well nigh treason. . . The teaching profession deserves better treatment at the hands of the American people." . . . [6] Most Rev RICHARD J CUSHING, Archbishop of Boston, *addressing Nat'l Council of Catholic Women*: "It is the average woman who stands at the posts of control in our day. To her, rather than to human queens, or to extraordinary or unique personalities, we turn in our hopes for the Christian commonwealth."

FOURTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



One thing that should be taken into acc't in a survey of the post-election situation is the President's "last-ditch" strength on controversial legislation.

By standards of the past 20 yrs, we have a "moderate" Congress coming up. There are few wild left-wingers and these will be subdued by conservative leaders. But Democrats will, of course, control the machinery of legislation. This power may be exercised in a negative sense (holding bills in committee; preventing action on them). But we think it may be more apparent, at least in '55, as a positive force—railroading legislation to embarrass the Administration. It is well to remember that some important excise taxes are due for reduction next yr. Administration would like to see these taxes maintained at present

levels. Democrats will not only wish to see the reductions effective, but may seek to widen the field and deepen the cuts. If such legislation passes both houses, the President, in an effort to preserve Gov't revenues, would probably veto. And here would come the "last-ditch" test of strength to which we made earlier reference.

The conservative coalition of the new Congress will support the President's veto on any issue threatening the basic financial structure of Gov't. Coalition will also sustain the President against efforts to inject "revolutionary" features into such legislation as the health insurance program. (Basic Health Insurance will, however, pass.)

Southern conservatives may, on some issues, prove a restraining force to Republicans. On Taft-Hartley, they may have a tendency to strengthen rather than weaken the provisions adversely affecting labor. (There is currently no chance for repeal of Taft-Hartley.) Also, the Southerners can be counted on to oppose the higher minimum wage which the President is expected to propose.



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Charles H. Miller, Jr.



AGE—1

In the U S there are 16,155 men and 4,010 women 85 yrs or over who are working, while we kids think of quitting at 65. — *Durez Molder*, hm, Durez Plastics & Chemicals.

AMERICANA—2

Sign in the office of an assistant producer: "I may look busy, but I'm only confused." — *MIKE CONNOLLY, Hollywood Reporter*.

BIGOTRY—3

A bigoted mind opens only out; pressure against it only shuts it tighter. — *HELEN CABOT MILES, Art Education*.

BORROWING—Lending—4

Always borrow from pessimists—they never expect to get their money back anyhow. — *Weltwoche*, Zurich, Switzerland (QUOTE translation).

CHRISTIANITY—5

To those whom Christianity fails to make good, it does not fail to give Christian marriage, Christian burial, and Christian holidays. *Christian* has served as a term of approbation for good men and deeds, but it has sometimes been used as a sanction for pretty bad ones. So it has been with *patriotic* and is now with *scientific*. — *J R PIERCE, "The Social Uses of Science," American Scientist*, 10-'54.

CHRISTIANITY—Communism—6

Dr Wilfred Jarvis, outstanding Australian Christian, recently told of a conversation with a religious leader on a univ campus. Dr Jarvis had been speaking to about 300 univ students. "You have a wonderful group of Christian young people here," he mentioned to the leader.

"Yes, I suppose so," said the leader, shaking his head, "but I cannot help but recognize that 300 communists would be having more effect on the life of this campus." — *W E BORNE, "Where Are the Baptisms?" Watchman-Examiner*, 10-21-'54.

CIVIC PRIDE—7

No town in the world has any slums. What they have are "areas that are going to be revitalized." — *JOHN ALEXANDER*, associate editor, *Holiday Magazine*.

CONSCIENCE—8

Each of us has in his heart a little try square, called a conscience, by which to test each thought and word and deed, and determine whether it is true or false. By as much as a man honestly applies that test to his own heart, and his relations with his fellows, by so much will his life be happy, stable and true. — *Massonic Historiology*.

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Queen Mother Elizabeth was never at a loss for words when she was herded for an hr, garden-party style, thru a crowded hotel ballroom at a press reception in her honor, to shake hands with some 700 reporters. Mbrs of the press at times pressed so hard to get near the royal personage that she was physically pushed or squeezed. Declared one reporter: "I took some color pictures of your pals . . ." (the Queen looked as startled as Queens can look) ". . . the guards at Buckingham Palace," he continued. "I do hope it was a nice day," said the Queen, "because we have some which aren't, you know."

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A segment of local Republican society sizzled upon learning that two famous Democratic hostesses, Mrs Perle Mesta and Mrs Jos E Davies, were among the guests at the exclusive White House state dinner honoring Queen Mother Elizabeth. One further incident many of them still don't know is that Mrs Eisenhower personally introduced the Queen Mother to Mrs Mesta before Her Majesty was presented to many other guests of high official rank. (Mrs Mesta wore a dress created for her by the Queen Mother's own designer, Norman Hartnell.)

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EVOLUTION—9

In the history of the world the prize has not been to those species which specialized in methods of violence, or even in defensive armor. In fact nature began with producing animals encased in hard shells for defense against the ills of life. But smaller animals, without external armor, warm-blooded, sensitive, alert, have cleared those monsters off the earth. — ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD, *Forbes*.

EXPERIENCE—10

Past experience should be a guide post, not a hitching post.—D W WILLIAMS, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

GOD—and Man—11

A happy Christian met an Irish peddler and exclaimed, "It's a grand thing to be saved!"

"Aye," said the peddler, "it is, but I know something better than that."

"Better than being saved?" asked the other. "What can you in your position possibly know that is better than that?"

Came the unexpected reply: "The companionship of the Man who saved me."—LORA LEE PARROTT, *Meals from the Manse Cook Book* (Zondervan).

HISTORY—12

History is the attempt to understand and make meaningful the intricate pattern of the human past which is woven on the loom of destiny from the threads of time and space.—SIDNEY E MEAD, "The American People: Their Space, Time and Religion," *Jnl of Religion*, 10-'54.

Mining The Magazines



American Scientist points out that War II vets, educated under the GI bill, have increased earnings to a point where they now pay an extra \$1 billion a yr in income taxes. At this rate, total bill for GI education can be wiped out in 15 yrs.

Some mo's ago Franklin Watts, the publisher of juveniles, sold an idea to Pocket Books. As a result, there is currently on the stands *The Pocket Book Magazine*, a quarterly magazine in book form. Thought is that people discard magazines, hold on to books. Thus a magazine in the familiar pocket-book format should have longer life. This longevity presents certain problems to Watts, who is editing the venture for Pocket Books. He aims to reflect the contemporary scene, but can't, of course, publish spot-news stories. On the whole he dodges the difficulty rather adroitly. Example from current issue: an article titled, "The McCarthys of Yesterday."

In a vocabulary-testing article, *Changing Times* (Nov) pooh-poohs value of word-bldg books (system is too artificial) and cross-word puzzles (too concerned with freak words). Best way to increase your word stock: read the classics, especially such verbose authors as Irving, Henry James, Conrad, Thackeray.

London Opinion opines that British Information files are now in such disorder even the Soviet spies can't find their way thru the mess.

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"Today's teen-agers are too tough for any teacher!" cries ex-mentor Mrs Florence Sweeney, in "Why I Quit Teaching," (*Parade*, 10-30-'54). She ended her 32-yr classroom stint because of the hostility to learning and contempt for authority of most modern pupils. She blames these attitudes on turbulent times, etc. Main gripe (lack of respect from students) might, she feels, be solved thru firmer principals, more counselors.

La Femme et la Vie (Paris) relates that the French Minister of Public Education has discovered the reason for bigamy in a district of the Hindu state of Pandshab: "We live here," explained an inhabitant, "in a region that is very dry. Water has to be carried a distance of 12 or 14 kilometers. A woman can go for water only once a day, but that's not enough water." So the solution is: more women!

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Political Postscripts

It went almost without notice, but election results in far-off Hawaii were just as confused as those in the states. While electing a Republican delegate to Congress and the 1st Republican to be mayor of Honolulu in a long time, Hawaiians gave the Democrats the 1st majority they ever had in the Senate there and the biggest majority in history in the House.

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One Washington wag had this observation on the election outcome: "It proved the voters were ready for a little change—almost." . . . When Texas elected a Republican to Congress—Bruce Alger, of Dallas—it started the Democrats chiding: "Now the Republicans can't turn their backs on Alger!"

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An internat'l observation by Mrs Oscar Ahlgren, former president of Gen'l Fed'n of Women's Clubs: "United we stick; divided, we're stuck."
—QUOTE Washington Bureau. 13

IDEAS—14

Our problem is to keep alive the powerful stimulant of individual thought at all levels. We cannot afford to make a displaced person out of the Man with the Big Idea.
—CRAWFORD H GREENEWALT, president, E I du Pont de Nemours & Co, speaking before Nat'l Safety Council.

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LIFE—Living—15

In Spanish-speaking countries there is a popular toast that goes like this: *Salud, pesetas, amor, y tiempo para gustarlos*. That is to say: health, money, love and time to enjoy them. The last part is its essence: time to enjoy them.—Dr LUCIUS W JOHNSON, "One Man's Slant," *Toastmaster*, 11-'54.

LOVE—16

Perhaps puppy love would be easier on parents if they knew that it was doing the youngsters some good. It is not an adolescent disaster, or evidence of some kind of neurosis. The emergence of healthy puppy love is a sign that the love you have lavished on your youngster has created a capacity to love in return.—Dr EDWARD A STRECKER, "A Psychiatrist Looks at Puppy Love," *This Wk.*, 10-31-'54.

MARRIED LIFE—17

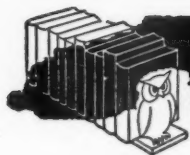
He's a good husband if he feels in his pocket every time he passes a mailbox. — *Weltwoche*, Zurich, Switzerland (QUOTE translation).

MIND—18

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve. —"Napoleon Hill: The Man Who Taught Millions How to Succeed," *Opportunity*, 11-'54.

NEW—Old—19

When we asked a young Chinese artist why he chose to paint the same subjects as former generations of artists had done, he ans'd: "Does a singer have to keep making up new songs? I want to show how well I can sing an old song."
—JUDITH & ARTHUR HART BURLING, *Chinese Art* (Studio-Crowell).



Book Briefs

The Retail Bookseller (Nov) suggests that some of the booktrade's troubles might be blamed on a character they designate as "Mary Coit Malone." Mary crossed the Sahara Desert on a bicycle, and wrote a (ghosted) book on her experiences. With benefit of ballyhoo, it sold tolerably well. "To Mary, being an author was something like being an alcoholic." So she wrote a 2nd book, without having anything to say. Her publisher dutifully issued it. Hypnotized booksellers bought—but the public didn't. "Can't Mary stop after that 1st book—or won't her publisher stop her?"

Fred Allen's acc't of radio in its relative infancy (*Treadmill to Oblivion*, Atlantic) gives rise to an incredulous query: Could we, a scant 20 yrs ago, have been as corny as that, even on a Corn Products program? On the 1st show, Fred recalls, a representative of the ad agency suggested that he dress for the broadcast as a Keystone Cop. "His idea was to have me stand at the studio door, brandishing a stuffed club, and as the audience filed in, hit each person over the head. I asked what purpose this would serve. He said, 'The audience will know you are the comedian.'" Mr Allen's dislike of advertising men is understandable! "To me," he says, "an advertising agency is 85% confusion and 15% commission."

Newsweek comments that the only surprise amongst the autumn mysteries is the lack of surprise. The mystery story, they assert, is becoming as formalized as the Western. Having thumbed thru a few late mysteries on our own acc't, we think maybe this coupling provides the Ass'n of Western Writers with the basis of a suit for libel.



The switched-cliche title, long favored in the paperbacked-mystery field, turns up this fall in non-fiction. Examples: *Down to the Ships in the Sea* (Lippincott); *Everything and the Kitchen Sink* (Farrar); *Eat, Drink and Grow Clever* (Transatlantic Arts).

The beautiful friendship betwixt India and the Soviet Union may at least be dented if copies of a new edition of the Soviet Encyclopedia find their way to New Delhi. Basis of the potential storm: Russian description of Mahatma Gandhi: He's pictured as a reactionary who "betrayed the people and helped imperialists suppress the revolt" (for independence). Gandhism is termed "the ideological weapon of the upper middle class, in close contact with feudal landlords and usurers."

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The Kingdom of Myopia

After a 30-yr writing career, humorist Jas Thurber turns 60 this wk (he was born Dec 8, 1894) wearing thicker glasses than ever, but he has always claimed advantages from his myopia. One of his pieces, *The Admiral on the Wheel*, recalls a glasses-less stroll during which he saw a bank sporting a Cuban flag, a lady with parasol walking thru a truck, a cat rolling along in a striped barrel, and bridges "rise lazily into the air, like balloons."

I suppose you have to have just the right proportion of sight to encounter such phenomena: I seem to remember oculists have told me I have only 2/5 vision without what one of them referred to as "artificial compensation" (glasses). With 3/5 vision, I suppose the Cuban flag would have been an American flag, the gay old lady a garbage man with a garbage can on his back, the cat a piece of butcher's paper b'owing in the wind, the floating bridges smoke from tugs, hanging in the air. With perfect vision, one is inextricably trapped in the workaday world, a prisoner of reality. . . . For the hawk-eyed person life has none of those soft edges which for me blur into fantasy. . . . The kingdom of the partly blind is a little like Oz, a little like Wonderland. Anything you can think of, and a lot you never would think of, can happen there.

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ORGANIZATION—20

A team is a number of people who work together, but you know which is playing left field and which is pitching. A "group" often tends to be a team with 9 voluntary short stops all actively covering that spot on the diamond, with great voids around the rest of the place.—**HAROLD F SMIDDY**, V-Pres, Gen'l Electric Co.

ORIGIN—Fiasco—21

This is the Italian word for bottle or flask. It is said that when the Italian glass-blowers, in making their beautiful glassware, discovered a flaw in the bulb, they would convert it into an ordinary flask or *fiasco*. Hence "fiasco" came to be synonymous with "failure".—*Toastmaster*.

POLITICS—22

A politician has to be able to see both sides of an issue so he can get around it.—*Wall St Jnl*.

PRAYER—23

Wm Allen White, the late great Kansas editor and a devout Republican, attended the Democratic Convention in 1928. The presiding senator spied him and called on him to open the session with a prayer.

"No," said White, "I'd better not. I don't want God to know I'm here."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*.

RACE RELATIONS—24

Segregation is on the way out and he who tries to tell the people otherwise does them a great disservice. The problem of the future is how to live with the change.—**RALPH MCGILL**, *American School Board Jnl*.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Dec 5-11

Internat'l Golden Rule Wk

Dec 5—A Bostonian struck a crippling blow at the American backbone (not to mention legbone, shoulder-bone, and seat-bone) 100 yrs ago (1854) by inventing the 1st theatre folding chair. . . It's taken quite a while to get rid of those "pesky operators," but the 1st automatic telephone system actually was patented 75 yrs ago (1879). . . 25 yrs ago (1929) 3 chilly N Y C skinbathers huddled together, formed the 1st nat'l nudist group, American League for Physical Culture.

Dec 6—*Feast of St Nicholas* (some European countries use today for Santa Claus hoopla, save Christmas for church-going). . . 95th anniv (1859) b of actor Edward Sothern: he and wife Julia Marlowe were the Lunt & Fontanne of the 1890's. . . 65th anniv (1889) d of Jefferson Davis.

Dec 7—The Chinese Nationalist gov't fled for dear life to Formosa 5 yrs ago (1949); the country's last mainland province fell to the Communists 4 days later.

Dec 8—*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*. . . The U S Naval Academy admitted its 1st Japanese-American midshipman 65 yrs ago (1889). . . Humorist Jas Thurber is 60 today, now draws his illustrations with crayon on huge sheets of paper because of waning eyesight.

Dec 9—360th anniv (1594) b of Sweden's greatest military leader, King Gustavus II (Gustavus Adolphus), whose 30-Yrs' War tactics formed basis of modern military strategy. . . The autogiro looked good on its 1st flight 20 yrs ago (1934), but the helicopter, a more adaptable machine, has largely replaced it.

Dec 10—The world's 1st law giving suffrage to women was passed 85 yrs ago (1869) by the Wyoming Territory (evidently with no dire results: Wyoming has one of highest ratios of men to women of any state). . . 75 yrs ago (1879) the 1st nat'l library ass'n organized. . . A border incident between Italian and Ethiopian troops 20 yrs ago (1934) furnished the excuse for Mussolini's 1935 Ethiopian invasion. . . After a 9-yr fling at Socialism, Australians said "No more, thank you," turned out Labor Party 5 yrs ago (1949), elected coalition favoring private enterprise.

Dec 11—When dental anesthesia was 1st used 110 yrs ago (1844), the inventor, Dentist Horace Wells, had trouble rounding up a guinea pig, so he gave the "laughing gas" (nitrous oxide) to himself, had colleague yank his tooth. . . The 1st color movies were shown 45 yrs ago (1909) in a N Y C exhibition.

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"Of all things!"

There is a wisecrack making the rounds to the effect that it costs more to amuse a modern child than it did to educate his parents. Like most generalities, this is an exaggeration, but there is enough substance in the thought to warrant serious contemplation.

The average child today, in the U S, receives about \$20 worth of toys annually. This expenditure is perhaps not out of line, but the billion-dollar toy industry would like to see the sum more evenly spaced thru the yr. At present, about \$13 of this total goes to fill Santa's pack. To the toy-makers this presents a problem of unbalanced annual production. But they feel that there is a good deal to be said against this practice from the viewpoint of the child.

Benj F Michton, one of the leading makers of toys, discussed the situation at some length in a recent issue of *McCall's*. It is, he contends, not only inconsistent, but unfortunate for the child, to spend some 60% of our "toy money" in a period of 8 wks, for the glorification of a single holiday. Too many toys under the Christmas tree means that none is fully appreciated or adequately evaluated. Children require toys keyed to the different seasons, and to their varying stages of development. Thus, toys that are exciting, new and challenging should be bestowed at intervals thruout the yr.

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RELIGION—25

A great religious revival is sweeping the country. 9,082 churches were blt in '53, to bring the nation's total to 294,359.—*American Mercury*.

SCIENCE—and Gov't—26

One evil which must be avoided (in science vs gov't) is the ultimate subjection of the free mind to gov't authority. . . At the other extreme would be the absurdity of gov't directed by its weaponeers. . . No gov't ever has been operated successfully by technicians; only by politicians. The physical scientist is no better qualified to lead a nation than is a movie actor, a merchant, or a truck driver. . . . They must be subordinate, not dominant, but their subordination must recognize man's right to individuality.—*Jos C HARSCH, Christian Science Monitor*.

SERVICE—to Others—27

This I've learned as a family man — contentment eludes those who selfishly pursue it, settles only on those who seek something good for someone else. — *BURTON HILLIS, Better Homes & Gardens*.

SPEECH—Speaking—28

I've never made a perfect speech, I cannot even fake one. My critic claims it's quite in reach—
I'd like to hear him make one.
—*Toastmaster*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—29

We're never quite sure of the economy of holding down teachers' salaries and spending more for jail wardens.—*Banking*.

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VIEWPOINT—30

In weighing the merits of any dispute,

With a mind unbiased and judgment acute,

With unerring insight, I always see

My own point of view exclusively!

—THOMAS USK, *Today's Health*.

In Brief

We read with some dismay of a newspaper vending machine which reveals only the headline to passerby. If intrigued, he inserts a coin, draws out a paper. Could be a further temptation to shallow, sensational treatment of the news. "Make the headline a 'silent salesman'."

Ad agencies are getting clients into color tv more rapidly than was anticipated. Of course there isn't much of a color audience as yet, but pioneers will have preference as set sales soar. Not much extra cost involved for color film, and it comes out better even on the black and white sets. . . Broadcasting stations are beginning to take seriously the rising tide of sentiment against tv ads for alcoholic beverages. WNHC-TV, New Haven, will bar, effective Dec 31, all commercials in which an alcoholic product is shown being consumed. Several other stations contemplate similar action. Brewers (as yet there are no liquor advertisers on tv) are deeply concerned; say that this limitation would "take all the life" out of beer commercials.

You may (if you can pay for it) own a foreign motor car priced at \$10,000, or higher. But up to now, no American motor firm has put into production a standard model in this price range. But—they're on the way! Ford has announced for '55 a "high-quality low-volume" automobile, to be known as the Continental.

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Good Stories..... you can use

A prominent Englishman was explaining to me why gov'tal problems are more complex in the U S than in his country. "There are at least 57 varieties of you Americans, and every one of you has different ideas," he said. "In my country, there are only 4 kinds of people with 4 ideas. There are the Scots, who won't wear rubber heels because they give. There are the Welsh, who pray on their knees—and prey on everyone else. There are the Irish, who don't know what they want and are willing to fight for it. And finally, there are the English, who are self-made and worship their creator!"—ALBEN BARKLEY, *That Reminds Me* (Doubleday). a

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The hospital doctor stopped at the bedside of a pale young man whose face was swathed in bandages. "Cheer up," he said. "Keep smiling—it's the best medicine!"

"I'll never smile again, doctor," the patient said.

"Nonsense! Of course you will."

The young man groaned. "No, never, Doctor. There's no nonsense about it. I've learnt my lesson. I'll never smile again—at least not at another fellow's girl!"—*Aftenposten* (Norway). b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JEAN BLODGETT

The director of the home-planning dept of a large firm rec'd a telephone call:

"Could you help me with some color questions?" a feminine voice asked. "I want to know what colors I'll get if I mix green and blue, yellow and blue, and yellow and green."

"We could be of more help to you," said the home-planner, "if we knew what you're working with. Are you using flat gloss paint, enamel, oils?"

"Oh, no," said the caller, "I'm not painting. I am planning to cross-breed some parakeets!"

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A southern lady who has come to live in N Y learned during registration wk that she would have to undergo a literacy test to vote in the recent election. After she had filled out a form, she timidly offered her college diploma as evidence of a degree of literacy. The registration official unrolled it, frowned over it. He said sharply: "You put on the form that you were born in the U S. This thing is in a for'gn language." The lady explained it was something of a tradition for colleges to inscribe diplomas in Latin. She passed the test.—MEYER BERGER, *N Y Times*. c

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Cracks

One person doubtless undisturbed about the election results is the young housewife who moved into a Milwaukee suburb this fall. The month before elections, she went electioneering, ringing doorbells up and down the block, introducing herself and asking neighbors to vote Republican.

One couple she visited said they had already decided to vote Democratic. The attractive visitor said that was all right, too.

"Truthfully," she confided, "I don't care how you vote. I just took this job to get acquainted with my new neighbors."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* d

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Band leader Elliott Lawrence overheard 2 neurotics nervously discussing their love affair.

"Don't fight it," the boy begged his sweetheart, "this thing is bug-gier than both of us."—HARRISON CARROLL, *King Features Syndicate.* e

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A famous admiral always encouraged his officers to act on their own initiative.

One day he rec'd a message from one of the capt's in his fleet: "Am lost in fog. Shall I proceed to destination or ret'n to base?"

The admiral repl'd: "Yes."

Soon after, another message arrived: "Do you mean yes, I should proceed to destination or, yes, I should return to base?"

This time the reply was: "No."—*Tit-Bits, London.* f

When a man is good to a fault, it's often one of his favorites.—A A SCHILLING.

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Any man who thinks women can't keep a secret has a smart wife.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Girls would dress sensibly if men weren't insensible to sensible things.—DAN BENNETT.

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The secret of raising a child properly is knowing when to give it a big hand—and where.—O A BATTISTA.

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When nations talk about reducing armies, every nation wants the last sword.—Banking.

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If the knocking at the door is unusually long, it isn't opportunity—it's relatives. — Wooden Barrel, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America.

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A pessimist is a woman who thinks she'll be unable to fit her car into a certain space. An optimist is her husband who thinks she won't try to. — Milwaukee Jnl Mag.

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In this electrical age all it takes to run a house is just to keep plugging.—Changing Times.

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Wealthy governor-elect Averell Harriman of N Y seemed to thrive on his rigorous campaign schedule. In fact, after his windup stint of 18 speeches in 2 days, he ans'd a worried inquiry about his health with "Great! I feel great! Feel like a million dollars." Alarmed, Mrs Harriman said, "Oh? What happened to the rest of it?"—LEONARD LYONS, *Post-Hall Syndicate*. g

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A little girl marched into a branch of Memphis' Union Plants Bank and handed a teller a \$1 bill, saying, "Would you change that to nickels?"

Taking her nickels over to a table, she counted them carefully and returned. "Would you change these into dimes?" she asked.

A few minutes later, back she came to get the dimes changed into quarters. When she returned with the quarters, the teller was finally moved to ask, "What in the world are you doing?"

"Learning to count money," she said briskly, and retired with her half dollars.—*Associated Press*. h

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A kindly but somewhat patronizing landlady was inquiring of the professor's young wife as to her prospective outing. "Our plans thus far," repl'd the bride a little distantly, "are only tentative."

"How delightful!" the landlady exclaimed. "I'm sure you will enjoy camping out more than anything."—*Arkansas Baptist*. i

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Werner Egk was still in school when a visitor asked the principal one day, "Which boy do you consider most gifted musically?"

"Egk," was the answer.

"And why? Does he play an instrument?"

"I don't know," admitted the principal. "But I do know that he leaves the room immediately when the other boys begin to play theirs." — *Revue*, Munich (*Quote translation*). j

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The new military jeep differs from the old in several ways. For one, while the hood of the World War II model was completely flat, the new model has a hood which rises to a slight ridge at the center.

After the new jeeps had been issued in Korea, units were instructed to collect the comments of drivers and mechanics about them and to report any defects discovered. The CO of one outfit phoned his motor pool and asked the sergeant in charge if he had any gripes.

"Yes, Captain," said the sergeant, "there's one very serious bug in these things. Dice roll off the hood."—LUKE NEELY. k

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A famous preacher was stopped by a woman just as he was going into the church. Her conscience was bothering her; it seems that she had looked at herself in the mirror that morning, felt pleased at what she saw, and was afraid she might be becoming vain.

"Calm yourself," repl'd the preacher. "It's not a sin to make a mistake."—*Bunte Illustrierte*, Offenbourg (*Quote translation*). l



Great Expectations

British authorities condemn the story of Cinderella because her capture of Prince Charming makes modern girls expect the same.—
News item.

The modern girl who reads the story

Of Cinderella dreams of glory,
Of fairy wands and golden coaches
And silken gowns and sparkling
brooches.

She sees herself, in scenes entrancing,

With tall, dark, handsome strangers dancing,

and wedding, in the end, Prince Charming.

All this the British find alarming.

Poor thing, they say, she's much misled,

With foolish fancies in her head.

She's bound to wake—then what confusion,

What stark and dismal disillusion.

I say to all, including British,

Don't be too worried, scornful,
skittish.

If girls are doomed in later years
To marry brutes who box their ears

Or lazy louts, no-good and craven,
Who go around all day unshaven,
Then let them have this little boon,

For midnight's coming plenty soon.

"Is smoking permitted here?" asked the passenger.

"No," said the conductor.

"Well, where did all these cigarette butts come from?"

"From people who didn't ask questions."—*L & N Mag*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. m

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A small girl whose father is a judge would often say she was Judge Brown's daughter when someone asked her name. Her mother, thinking this might sound snobbish, told her not to make that sort of reply, but simply to say that she was Dorothy Brown.

Later someone asked her if she was Judge Brown's daughter. She repl'd, "Well, I thought I was, but Mother says not."—*Capper's Wkly*. n

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A traveling salesman decided suddenly to spend a wk end at home. He wired his wife and took the next train. On his arrival he found his wife in another man's arms. Furious, he left home, checked in a local hotel and announced he'd apply for a divorce. The next day his father-in-law called. "I'm quite sure my daughter has an explanation for her behavior," he said. "Will you wait until tomorrow before doing anything about a divorce?"

Reluctantly the husband agreed. On the next day the father appeared, beaming. "I knew Dorothy would have an explanation," he said. "She didn't get your telegram."—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. o

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Quote-ettes

Ex-king FAROUK, of Egypt, explaining why he has grown a beard: "I can shave it off after awhile, and look so much younger!" 1-Q-t

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Mrs RUTH LOWER, convicted of smuggling hacksaw blade to prisoners in Georgia jail: "The boys told me they wanted it to saw soup-bones. I didn't know they were going to try to get out." 2-Q-t

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If you're on the practical side when it comes to Christmas gifts, here are a couple of items that may help with hard-to-buy-for people. One, actually, seems to us to have rather limited appeal. This is the "Scadle," a 3-in-one gadget which ladles and weighs ingredients and is also a measuring cup. Large ladle has small scale attached to handle—looks fascinating. With it comes book of for'gn recipes (which are usually measured in weights). If you like to experiment, this should be fun. Chief virtue of the tool would seem to us to be helpfulness in cooking for diabetics or other peo-

ple on very rigorous diets, where all food must be weighed accurately. \$2.98. *American Homecraft Co., 3714 Milwaukee Ave, Chicago 41.*

Same company distributes a set of 4 imported aluminum frying pans—ranging from 5" to 7" diameter. Any woman could use them—for warming leftovers, etc—but because of their size they strike us as especially nice for bachelor girls—or bachelors who do their own cooking. The set is \$2.95. They're lightweight, have long, insulated black plastic handles. And the smallest one is cute—it looks so helpless.

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